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Title: SYSTEM, SERVER, DEVICE, METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR
DISPLAYING THREE-DIMENSIONAL ADVERTISEMENT

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

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Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued May 11, 2004 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Claims 1-3

Remarks

(Claim 1) The cited example, page 710, right column "2.5 Advertising functions" describes how "advertisements are provided by means of a moving three-dimensional model in the three-dimensional shared virtual space on the client terminal".

(Claim 3) Initiating the "ding-dong band" based advertisements of cited example 1 by means of a "timer means with a preset advertisement initiation interval" is thought to be

something that could be suitably implemented by a person skilled in the art. Furthermore, the other constitutive elements are thought to be something that could be easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art when implementing the cited example.

No reasons for rejection have been discovered as of now for inventions according to claims other than the claims indicated in this notification of reasons for rejection. If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a notification of reasons for rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Takashi Kawano, Yuriko Suzuki, Norio Yamamoto and Shigeki Masaki: Shopping environments in virtual space. NTT R&D, The Telecommunications Association, published September 10, 1999, Vol. 48, No. 9 (September 1999 issue), p. 705-711.

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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Prior Art Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-81782

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Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

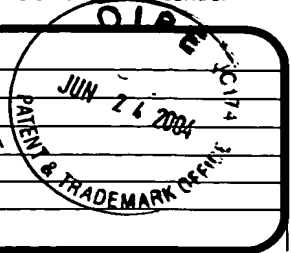
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